

Appl. No. 09/173,864  
Amdt. dated June 12, 2003  
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited  
Procedure Examining Group

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 60-69 are pending in the application. Claims 60-65 have been rejected. Claims 66-69 have been allowed. Claims 60-65 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 70-76 have been added. Entry of the amendment and allowance of new claims 70-76 is respectfully requested.

The Amendment:

In order to expedite prosecution of the application and advance the remaining claims toward allowance, rejected claims 60-65 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in a divisional application.

New claims 70-76 have been added. No new matter is introduced by this amendment. Support for new claim 70 can be found in allowed claims 66 and 69 as well as in the specification on page 31, lines 5-16 and page 32, line 6 and line 10. New claims 71 and 72 depend directly on claim 70.

Support for new claim 73 can be found in allowed claim 66 and in the specification on page 31, lines 5-16 and page 32, line 6 and line 10. Support for new claims 73-76 can also be found in the specification on page 19, line 6, wherein the specification states that the blastodermal cells are typically stage VII-XII cells, or the equivalent thereof, and preferably are near stage X. Hence, no new matter is added by this amendment.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is urged.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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